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- On 5 December 1948, the first turbine, built and mounted by the Rade Koncar firm in Zagreb, began operation at the Mariborski Otok hydro-electric plant. The turbine was installed in the turbine tower on the right bank of the Drava River by a special crew supervised by two Austrian engineers, Lanster and Pomberger, sent from the J.M. Voith firm in St. Poelten, Austria. Immediately after being put into operation, the turbine overheated, and it was necessary to add water to the rotor star (zvezda). From December 1948 until February 1949, when the water level of the Drava River was low, the turbine operated at 50 percent of its capacity. In January and February 1949 new locks for flood gates were built, and the turbine now generates a total of 18,000 Kw. The turbine produces a current of 10 Kv. which is transmitted directly to an open air switching station (prostozracna stikalnica), where temporary switching devices (stikalne naprave) have been installed by the Rade Koncar firm, under the supervision of Chief Engineer Svilgin and Chief Technician Arsic. The air-cooled transformer type x (Y d 5), which was purchased from Great Britain, transforms the generated 10 Kv. current to 80 Kv, and has the capacity to transform the current to a maximum of 100 Kv. Early in 1949, work was started on the installation of a second turbine, which is now being built by the Rade Koncar plant and which, [REDACTED], will be installed by 25X1X the Swiss Brown-Boveri firm. Maintenance work on the hydro-technical apparatus is done by the Maribor firm, "Hidromontaza", which is managed by one Engineer Unselj. Engineer Ivan Jaklic is in charge of the firm's crew now working at the Mariborski Otok hydro-electric plant.
- The former director of the Mariborski Otok plant, Anton Vorsic, has been given an appointment with ELZAP (Podjetje za Elektrifikacijo Zapada - Project for Western Electrification) and he is now in Vuhred where the new Drava power plant is being built.* Vorsic's successor is Engineer Karel Hoschek, former managing director of the Dravograd power plant. Hoschek a German national, was born in Vienna in 1907. His father was of Czechoslovak origin and his mother, a Viennese, is now residing in Vienna. Although Hoschek graduated from a Vienna technical school, Yugoslav law does not permit him to use the professional title of Engineer. From 1929 until 1931, Hoschek worked at the Velenje power plant, where he was employed as a technician by the Swiss Brown-Boveri Company. In 1931, he went to Belgrade where he was employed as section technical director of the "Snaga i svitlost" power plant, which was originally built by the Brown Boveri firm.

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Hoschek returned to Vienna with his wife on 30 March 1941 and shortly thereafter, on 20 April 1941 he returned to Belgrade to take over the position of director of the "Snaga i Svetlost" plant, a position which he held for some time. Hoschek has been commended by the Communist Party for his work on the construction of the Dravograd power plant and an account of his success has been published in the newspaper Slovenski Porocevalec. [REDACTED] as a student in Vienna, Hoschek was a member of the Social Democrat Youth organization. Later he became an ardent Nazi and he allegedly converted his Slovene wife to Nazism. Hoschek is alleged to have been a Nazi agent in Belgrade during the war. He is considered able, diligent, an opportunist and is fairly popular with his associates. Hoschek is described as 173 cm. tall, squarely built, blond, blue eyes, wears glasses, and speaks Serbian with a German accent.**

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3. [REDACTED] the managing director of the Mariborski Otok plant is one Odon last name unknown, former managing director of the transformer station at Lasko, near Celje, and the personnel clerk is Karl Jevsnikar, a former employee of DES (Drazavne Elektrarne Slovenije) and ELZAP (Podjetje za Elektrifikacijo Zapada - Project for Western Electrification).

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Comment: [REDACTED] German experts employed at the Mariborski Otok plant, receive high salaries and are accorded special privileges.

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